



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge
Brigham City, UT
Waterbird/Raptor Survey
April 18-19, 2013

A waterbird/raptor survey was conducted on April 18-19, 2013 by Refuge Biologist Howard Browers, with 45 species recorded. The waterfowl migration is winding down. Dabbling ducks numbers were especially low, while diving ducks such as canvasback and lesser scaup were above average for time of year. Canada geese and great blue herons were observed sitting on nests. Recent arrivals include white-faced ibis, snowy egret, Forster's tern, Swainson's hawk, and turkey vulture. One highlight was a peregrine falcon.

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| Tundra swan | 1 | Double-crested cormorant | 661 |
| Canada goose | 175 | Great blue heron | 45 |
| Mallard | 1,206 | Snowy egret | 4 |
| Northern pintail | 615 | Black-crowned night heron | 8 |
| American green-winged teal | 1,942 | White-faced ibis | 807 |
| Cinnamon teal | 875 | Killdeer | 11 |
| Northern shoveler | 7,152 | Black-necked stilt | 532 |
| Gadwall | 2,065 | American avocet | 2,762 |
| American wigeon | 724 | Greater yellowlegs | 2 |
| Canvasback | 686 | Long-billed curlew | 7 |
| Redhead | 648 | Marbled godwit | 518 |
| Lesser scaup | 3,166 | Franklin's gull | 1,113 |
| Bufflehead | 114 | Ring-billed gull | 33 |
| Common merganser | 2 | California gull | 8,033 |
| Red-breasted merganser | 3 | Caspian tern | 19 |
| Ring-necked duck | 6 | Forster's tern | 1 |
| Ruddy duck | 2,208 | Virginia rail | 1 |
| Unknown ducks | 100 | American coot | 10,692 |
| Pied-billed grebe | 15 | Sandhill crane | 3 |
| Eared grebe | 2,398 | Turkey vulture | 1 |
| Western grebe | 53 | Northern harrier | 3 |
| Clark's grebe | 10 | Swainson's hawk | 1 |
| American white pelican | 174 | Peregrine falcon | 1 |

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